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New General Aviation Terminal for Chesterfield County Airport

Chesterfield County Airport is sporting a new General Aviation terminal. The new terminal was just recently completed and the dedication ceremony will held June 24th.

At just under 9,000-square-feet, the two-story terminal is a beautiful facility that houses the airport business offices along with a very nice 35-person

all on the second floor. The first floor has a large vending area, flight planning room, pilot's lounge with quiet



conference room, bathrooms with showers and outside observation deck,

rooms for pilots to relax, a very large passenger area and ethernet (internet) access on both floors.

"This terminal was designed for general aviation but with corporate pilots in mind," said Aviation Director Steven Calabro. "This facility is a testament to the community

support for the airport."

New security features are also in

place, with the addition of a magnetic ID system, seven cameras are also in place inside and outside of the terminal.

Chesterfield County Airport is located in one of the fastest growing areas of the U.S., the corridor that runs from Florida to New York and New England. Less than 2 miles from the Chesterfield County government center and 12 miles south of downtown Richmond. The airport is conveniently located at (please see [Terminal](#) cont. on pg. 8)

Department of Aviation Has Local School Flying High on Aviation

Community Outreach program a success

The Virginia Department of Aviation embarked last year on a community outreach initiative. This community initiative has been put in place to help strengthen the Department's partnerships in the community.

The community outreach initiative started by employees at the Department is the Adopt-A-School program. This has allowed the Department to develop a relationship with Donahoe Elementary School's second through fifth grade by giving the staff a chance to mentor a

class, raise awareness about aviation to youth and help boost academic performance.

Numerous Department employees have commitments to the program allowing all classes to have a designated Department employee throughout the school. These visits are accomplished through lunch and classroom visits and various other school sponsored activities.

"The Department of Avia-

tion has been wonderful to work with," said Donahoe Principal Dr. Henry (please see [School](#) cont. on pg. 8)



Middle Peninsula Regional Airport Hires New Manager

At its monthly meeting recently, the Middle Peninsula Airport Authority announced the hiring of William T. Gaylord of Manteo, N.C. as the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport manager.

Gaylord, who retired from the Air Force in 1985, has served as director of the Dare County Regional Airport for more than a decade. He is a board member of the North Carolina Airports Association. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in education.

"As current airport manager, I'm absolutely thrilled to see him take over," said Anthony Romanello, West Point town manager who has been running the airport as well.

Gaylord was offered the job last month from a field of 56 applicants. The new manager began his duties May 1.

West Point owns the airport, which actually is just outside the town limits in King and Queen County. Its sale to the authority is in its final stages. The authority consists of West Point and the counties of Gloucester, King and Queen and King William. Each member will pay annual dues of about \$19,000 in addition to a share of the \$3 million estimated cost for airport improvements and operation over 15 years. Federal and state funding totaling about \$5 million is also expected to help get the airport off the ground.

Built in World War II to train pilots, the airport now serves private aircraft. The authority hopes to attract corporate planes and charter services. It's envisioned as a selling point for Middle Peninsula communities in their efforts to draw new industry to the area.

The Middle Peninsula Regional Airport is a public, general aviation airport located approximately two miles Southeast of the Town of West Point, off of Virginia Route 33. Centrally located in the Middle Peninsula region, the airport lies within a 25 minute drive to the majority of businesses and population located on the Middle Peninsula. The airport also has direct access to the site of the future Middle Peninsula Regional Industrial Park, which is to be developed on land adjacent to the airport.

The airport has a 3,700 foot runway and a full length parallel taxiway. The airport averages about 21 flights a day, with 29 aircraft based there. Other airport facilities include a terminal building, fueling station (100LL), corporate hangar, and five T-hangar units. Future plans for the airport include extending the runway to 4,300 feet, expanding the terminal building, installing new fuel facilities, and installing additional navigation aids. Other available services are agricultural spraying and skydiving.



The 2003-2004 Virginia Aeronautical Chart is now available. Please visit the Virginia Department of Aviation website (www.doav.state.va.us) to request yours today.

Virginia Aviation Events

July 29-August 4, 2003 EAA

Airventure will take place in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

August 20-22, 2003 30th Annual

Virginia Aviation Conference will be held at the Omni Richmond Hotel in Richmond. Register now! For additional information contact Betty Wilson, Virginia Department of Aviation.

September 5-7, 2003 Neptune

Festival Air Show at NAS Oceana. Virginia's premier military air show featuring the Navy's Blue Angels.

September 13, 2003 12th Annual

Louisa County Air Show will take place at Louisa County Airport/Freeman Field from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Airplane rides, aerobatic performances, skydivers, radio controlled airplanes, static aircraft displays, face painting and free balloons for the children. A fun-filled event for the entire family! For more information contact Dawn Pickhardt at (540) 967-0050. Sponsored by the Industrial Development Authority of Louisa County.

September 20-21, 2003 Virginia

State EAA Fly-In will take place at the Dinwiddie County Airport. Sponsored by the Virginia Council of EAA Chapters.

September 27, 2003 EAA Chapter

511 Fall Fly-In at Eagle's Nest (W13). For more information contact Eldon Bowman, namwob@planetcomm.net, (540) 896-3992.

Submit upcoming event information to :
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Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

President/CEO James A. Wilding Announces Retirement

James A. Wilding recently announced his retirement from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which took effect at the end of April of this year.

Chip Glasgow, Airports Authority Chairman said, "Jim Wilding has personified excellence in both public service and business leadership, and his contributions to the state of aviation in the Metropolitan Washington Region benefit everyone who lives and visits our area. We are indebted to him for his many years of dedicated service and will be grateful for his legacy for years to come."

Mr. Wilding's aviation career spans 43-years - all of them at the Washington Airports. He graduated as a Civil Engineer with a degree from the Catholic University of America and joined the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 1959 to participate in the original planning and development of Washington Dulles International Airport.

Following the opening of Dulles in 1962, he held progressively responsible positions in all phases of engineering for the two federally owned airports—Washington Dulles International and Ronald Reagan Washington National—eventually becoming the organization's Chief Engineer. He served as Chief Engineer until becoming the Airports' Deputy Director in 1975, and then the Director four years later.

Mr. Wilding served in that capacity as the Director of the FAA's Metropolitan Washington Airports organization from December 1979 until the June 1987 transfer of the airports to the new Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority when he assumed the position of President.

While serving in the Federal Aviation Administration's Senior Executive Service, Mr. Wilding won several Presidential and Department of Transportation Awards including the Secretary of Transportation's Gold Medal, the high-

est award in the Transportation Department.

During his tenure as President/CEO of the Airports Authority, he has overseen a massive capital development program at both airports totaling well over \$3 billion dollars. Under his leadership, (see [Wilding](#) cont. on pg. 5)



Photos Courtesy of MWAA

James E. Bennett Selected as New President/CEO of Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority recently selected James E. Bennett



Photo Courtesy of MWAA

as President/CEO of the Airports Authority. Mr. Bennett will be only the second person to hold this position, succeeding James A. Wilding who will retire on May 2nd.

"We have confidence that Jim Bennett will provide the leadership and management skills necessary to continue the strong legacy of aviation service the Airports Authority has provided to the Washington region and the travelers throughout the world who use our airports," said Norman M. Glasgow, Jr., the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Said Mr. Bennett on his appointment, "I thank the Board for their confidence in me, and I want to assure them and the traveling public that the Airports Authority will keep focused on being

an organization that provides a high level of service to the community. I know we will do this with the support of the excellent employees who work with me at Reagan National and Dulles International Airports."

Mr. Bennett has served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Airports Authority since 1996. In that capacity he directed the operations of the Authority including the administrative support functions and was responsible for airport management at both National and Dulles airports as well as Authority wide public safety, business administration, human resources and technology.

Prior to joining the Authority Mr. (see [Bennett](#) cont. on pg. 5)

Culpeper Regional Airport

New Beginnings and Sad Endings

By Tanya Woodward

The WHITE HAWK AVIATION FLIGHT SCHOOL, located at the Culpeper Regional Airport, is under new management.

The new manager, Robert W. Harmon, brings many years of flying and teaching experience to the school. He has been a pilot since 1970 and has been a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) since 1980. He has accumulated more than 4000 hours as a CFI with more than 5000 total flying hours.

He is a graduate of Ohio State University, served in the USN 1952-1956, taught in the public schools, grades 7 through 12, for 7 years, served as a Special agent FBI for 21 years both as "street agent", supervisor, and instructor at the FBI Academy, Quantico, VA. He was the Aviation Program Head at Northern Virginia Community College, Manassas, VA for 11 years, and a CFI and the Chief Ground Instructor at the USMC Quantico Flying Club.

The airplanes presently used for training at the flight school are Cessna 172 models, model years 1987 through 2001 with a 2002 model expected to come on board in March of this year. All are certified for Instrument Flight and the newer models are equipped with GPS.

At this time, the school is staffed and equipped to offer ground schools and flight training for the Private Pilot License, the Instrument Rating, and to administer FAA Flight checks and currency training. The school will offer training for the Commercial License, High Performance, and Complex Airplane endorsements when the required airplanes are acquired.

If you are interested in flight training, please call White Hawk at (540) 727-8400.

On a somber note, we lost a very integral part of our airport family on February 27, 2003, when Joe Natoli died at Culpeper Regional Hospital.

Joe was a veteran of the United States Army. He was an active member of such clubs as the Quiet Birdman



Assoc., the Lions Club of Springfield, Aircraft Owner and Pilot Assoc., Experimental Aircraft Assoc. and the Warbird Assoc. Joe and his wife Geri had celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on New Year's Day 2003.

Joe was a ray of sunshine to all of us here at the airport. He had

such a wonderful way with people. He went the extra mile for his customers and his co-workers by bringing baked goodies from home, to keeping the airport open late to accommodate the last flying straggler that needed gas. We will all certainly miss Joe and we keep his family in our prayers.

In March, we also lost a part of our extended family, Elmer Dyer passed. Elmer had been the Manager here at the Airport some years ago and a Flight Instructor here for many years thereafter. Elmer could be found at whatever airport he was working at from sunrise to well after sunset. He was incredibly

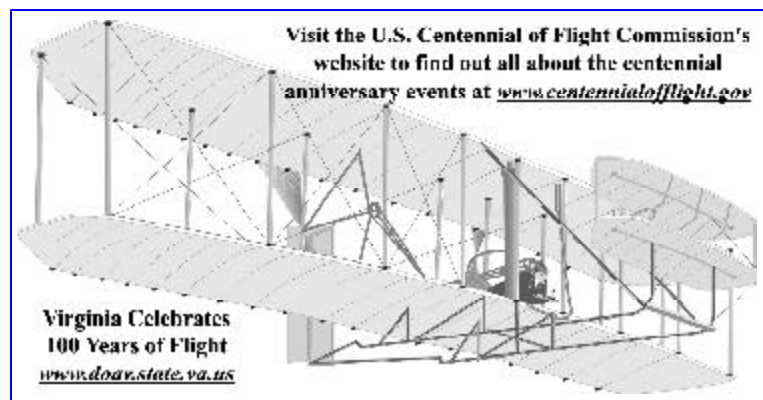
passionate about instructing and has many students to attest to that. Nothing gave him more joy than to fly. We will miss Elmer and we send our prayers out to his family as well.

The following poem, *High Flight*, written by John Gillespie Magee, Jr. is a befitting end to this article and let us not forget to support our troops overseas.

HIGH FLIGHT

By John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds-and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of-wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace Where never lark, or even eagle flew.
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.



(Wilding cont. from pg. 3)

Reagan National Airport was modernized as a result of the new terminal building which opened in 1997 which also brought major improvements to traffic management on the airport as well as improved connections to the Metro system.

At Dulles, he directed the extensive growth during the 1990's that required the expansion of the world famous Saarinen-designed Terminal, construction of new concourses and the build-



Virginia Aviation Board Chairman Pete Ramsey and Jim Wilding share a smile during Mr. Wilding's retirement reception.

ing of the airport's first parking garages.

During his tenure leading the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority passenger activity at the two airports has nearly doubled to 31 million passengers in 2002. In addition to his involvement in the region's air service, he has earned a national and interna-

tional reputation as an expert in the industry.

Mr. Wilding has served as the Chairman of the Airports Council International - North America, on the Board of Directors of the regional organization and on the Board of its worldwide parent based in Geneva, Switzerland. He has served as the President of the Aero Club of Washington and currently serves on the Policy Review Committee of the American Association of Airport Executives.

He has also been an active participant in regional affairs. Mr. Wilding has chaired the United Way Campaign of Arlington County Virginia. He is a member of the Economic Development Commission of Arlington County and has served on the Board of Directors as well as the Executive Committee of the Arlington County Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the Advisory Board of the Eno Transportation Foundation, and currently serves on the Board of the Washington, DC Convention and Tourism Corporation, on both the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Dulles Area Transportation Association, and has served on the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board.

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Bennett served as Assistant Aviation Director at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix, Arizona. In that capacity he oversaw the operations, business affairs, finance, planning and maintenance of the airport.

Mr. Bennett has also served as the Director of the Shreveport, Louisiana, Airport Authority, the Director of Aeronautics for the City of Flint, Michigan, and the Manager of Technical Services for Airport Operators Council International (currently, ACI-North America).

He has served in leadership roles within ACI-North America, AAAE Chapters and is the current Chairman of IAAE

Mr. Bennett is a graduate of Auburn University (B.A., Aviation Management, 1978) and the University of Michigan (M.P.A. 1986). He holds the designation of Accredited Airport Executive from the American Association of Airport Executives.

During his tenure with the Airports Authority, he has also been involved in several regional activities, serving as the 2000 Chairman, Arlington Chamber of Commerce; Campaign Chair for the 2002 Arlington United Way; former Chair of Leadership Arlington and a member of the Board of the Loudoun County Economic Development Commission.

very humble and gentle person."

Brown, as a member of the Blue Team, worked with the following experiments: European Space Agency Advanced Respiratory Monitoring System (ARMS); Combustion Module (CM-2), which included the Laminar Soot Processes (LSP), Water Mist Fire Suppression (MIST) and Structures of Flame Balls at Low Lewis-number (SOFBALL) experiments; Mediterranean Israeli Dust Experiment (MEIDEX); and the Physiology and Biochemistry Team (PhAB4) suite of experiments, which included Calcium Kinetics, Latent Virus Shedding, Protein Turnover and Renal Stone Risk.

Selected by NASA in April 1996, Brown was making his first spaceflight.

Columbia Astronaut Took Flight Lessons At Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport

On February 1, 2003 the Space Shuttle Columbia was lost during its reentry into Earth's atmosphere. The seven member crew was also lost.

Among the crewmembers was David M. Brown, 46, a captain in the U.S. Navy. He was a naval aviator and flight surgeon. He served as Mission Specialist 1 for STS-107. Brown received a bachelor of science in biology from the College of William and Mary in 1978 and a doctorate in medicine from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 1982.

Mr. Brown took his initial flight training at Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport (JGG) while attending William and Mary. He had recently come back to JGG to stop in while in the area. While there he had a very pleasant conversation with airport owner Jean Waltrip. "I was so excited to hear all about what David had been doing with his flying career," said Waltrip. "Right before he left he handed me a business card that said he was an astronaut. I said to him, 'you didn't tell me you were an astronaut'. But that was David, a

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Manassas Regional Airport Runway Construction

Extensive airport construction is planned for Manassas Regional/Harry P. Davis Field (HEF) in Manassas, VA this summer. On June 16, the Runway 16L threshold will be displaced 700 feet, leaving 5,000 feet of usable runway from June 16 until the total closure of Runway 16L on or about July 21, for a period of approximately 55 days. The ILS is being decommissioned because of the 16L threshold displacement and associated construction.

For more info contact the airport's Joe Lee at jlee@ci.manassas.va.us or NBAA's Harry Houckes at hhouckes@nbaa.org.

Your Empty Seats Can Be Powerful Medicine

By letting a cancer patient use an empty seat on your corporate aircraft, you can enable that patient to access critical treatment they might otherwise have to forgo. Often a clinical trial or specialized regimen is only available at one medical center, perhaps thousands of miles from a patient's home. Sometimes a patient must return weekly or monthly. Transportation costs can quickly add up to an impossible burden for a patient whose illness has already caused financial stress.

Join with Corporate Angel Network (CAN) to provide cancer patients with free transportation to recognized treatment centers. It's easy and costs you nothing. To add your name to CAN's roster of 500 top U.S. corporations, call (914) 328-1313. To see current destinations and date range of rides needed, please visit:

www.corpangelnetwork.org/corporate/seats.html.

Virginia Aviation Board Allocates Funds To Commonwealth's Airports

At its bimonthly meeting held in Richmond, the Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) approved tentative allocations for five of the Commonwealth's airports from the Commonwealth Airport Fund, totaling \$82,874. **Receiving one of the largest allocations was Manassas Regional Airport, in the amount of \$35,280 for Obstruction Removal Runway 34R Approach (construction).** Other airports receiving allocations from the VAB were:

- **Leesburg Executive Airport** in the amount of \$25,600 for Land Acquisition West Side – Phase I;
- **Tappahannock-Essex County Airport** was awarded \$6,394 for Land Acquisition (Parcel I) – Increase;
- **Chesapeake Regional Airport** received \$3,600 for a Maintenance Equipment Storage Building (design);
- **Hampton Roads Executive Airport** in the amount of \$12,000 for T-Hangar Taxiways and Access Roads Rehabilitation (design).

In other significant action, the VAB also allocated \$24,800 from the Aviation Promotion/Air Service Development and Enhancement Grant-in-Aid Program to five of the Commonwealth's airports.

- **Danville Regional Airport** received \$7,500 for advertising of the Airfest to be held this spring;
- **Tazewell County Airport** was allocated \$7,500 for advertising and support for the annual Fly-In;
- **Virginia Highlands** was awarded \$1,500 for summer camp;
- **Emporia-Greenville Regional Airport** received \$7,500 for a business plan;
- **Mecklenburg/Brunswick Regional Airport** was awarded \$800 for print advertising.

The Virginia Aviation Board has eight members representing seven regions. The Board approves funding requests brought to it by the Virginia Department of Aviation, a state agency working to support and promote commercial and private aviation interests for the Commonwealth's 69 public-use airports.

FAA Issues Weight Gain for Passengers

Checked bags weight will rise as well

The FAA this week issued notice to operators that they must add 10 pounds to the estimated weight of each passenger and 5 pounds for each checked bag to ensure that aircraft do not take off overweight.

Under the old rule, airlines estimated that passengers older than 12 weighed 180 pounds in warm months and 185 in the winter. That includes 20 pounds of carry-on luggage.

Starting in the third quarter of 2003, all airlines must assume that passengers weigh 190 or 195 pounds depending on the season. Similarly, checked bags on domestic flights will rise from an estimated 25 to 30 pounds. The 30-pound estimate for checked bags on international flights will not change.

The change will effect capacity issues for airlines.

The Seventh Annual Virginia State EAA Fly-In



When: September 20 & 21, 2003
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sunday

Update on the opening of the Smithsonian Udvar-Hazy Center (Tom Alison)

Where: Dinwiddie County Airport
Petersburg, VA

General Information

- Pancake Breakfast (*all you can eat*) 8:00 - 11:00 AM Sat. & Sun.
- Forums and Workshops
 - Aircraft Covering Workshop (Butch Walsh)
 - Sheet Metal Workshop (Cal Davis)
 - Flight Testing (Milt Clary)
 - Ercoupes (Skip Carden)
 - Caring for Propellers and Engines (Ken Martin - H&H Propellers)
 - Sport Pilot Rule-making & Fat Ultralights (Bill O'Brien)
 - Vision Guidelines for the Aviator (Ingrid Zimmer-Galler)
 - SR-71 Blackbird forum and

- Air Show 1:00 - 3:00 PM Sat. & Sun.
 - Charlie Kulp - The Flying Farmer
 - Split Image - Pitts Aerobatic Team
 - Charles Schwenker - Extra 300 Aerobatics
 - Hardees Air Show Team - RC controlled 1/4 scale aircraft
- Activities for Children
 - Wing Rib Building
 - NASA activities
 - Pedal Airplanes
 - Control Line Airplanes

Additional Fly-in Information

- Committee Chairmen are needed in the following areas:
 - Fly Mart
 - Forums & Workshops
 - Field Set-up & Take Down

Please contact Judy Sparks at (703) 590-9112 or through e-mail at jhsparks01@aol.com if interested.

- Fly-in Headquarters Motel is the Days Inn at I-95 & 301, Exit 45. Rooms have been reserved under the name of EAA. Room rate, including taxes is \$53.20 per night. Call (804) 733-4400 to make reservations.
- Aircraft Parking Seminar for volunteers is tentatively scheduled for 28 June 2003 at Dinwiddie County Airport Petersburg, VA. Contact Tom

Visit the VA EAA website:

www.vaeaa.org

Tyndall, Fly-in Operations Manager at (804) 261-7501 for more information.

A Note of Sadness

Last month the VAEAA lost a dear friend and dedicated volunteer in an aircraft incident. Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Jerry Holsinger, of the Petersburg Pilots Association. He will be greatly missed.

Calendar of Events

Northern Virginia VAHS Annual Picnic June 28, 2003 - Contact Judy Sparks at (703) 590-9112 for more information.

8th Annual Wings & Wheels September 27, 2003 at Hummel Airfield, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

EAA Chapter 186 Fall Fly-in October 4-5, 2003 at Winchester Regional Airport.

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the juncture of Virginia Highway 10 and 288. Interstate 95 is located five miles south of the airport. It is at the center of a triangle formed by the highly industrialized cities of Richmond, Petersburg and Hopewell.

Chesterfield County Airport is designated by the FAA as an official general aviation reliever airport for the busier Richmond International Airport. FCI boasts a 5,500-foot runway, one precision and three non-instrument approaches including a new Instrument Landing System (ILS).

Business and recreational fliers alike prefer Chesterfield County Airport for its convenience and service. The already modern facilities are constantly being improved, enlarged and added to. We invite you to take a new look at Chesterfield County Airport.



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Nelson. "They have really made a great effort to be active with our young



DOAV Director Charles Macfarlane talks flying with the kids.

people."

Recently the staff went to Donahoe for a culminating year-end visit. The Department's Director Charles



Donahoe Principal Dr. Nelson (far back right) enjoyed the visit as well.

Macfarlane has been taking helicopter pilot lessons and is a member of the program, mentoring one of the second grade classes. He and Rob Roberts (NBC 12 traffic reporter), flew a helicopter in and landed it behind the school. This gave all the children of the school a chance to peek at the whirly bird, sit inside and ask questions of Charles and Rob about flying.

"This program is a wonderful way



Rob Roberts and Shannon Morris share a laugh.

to get involved with the local community," said Director Charles Macfarlane. "Our employees really enjoy seeing these kids get so excited about aviation."

The Department plans on continuing the program again next school year.



If you are interested in learning more about what is going on in the Department of Aviation, please call our office at (804) 236-3624 or our Sponsor Hotline at (800) 292-1034. Visit our website for updates on future events at: www.doav.state.va.us.



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